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Information Directorate awards contract to Utica firm

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded a \$252,043 contract to Capraro Technologies Inc. of Utica. The 18-month agreement, "Providing Information Anytime, Anywhere and on Any Device," will focus on technologies to support the Air Force's Joint Battlespace Infosphere (JBI) program.

Capraro engineers will perform a feasibility demonstration on the ability to intelligently publish and subscribe to JBI services," said John Spina, program manager in the directorate's Information Technology Division. "Based on a dynamic user profile, the connection and the user's computing device, the system will be able to automatically provide the relevant information in a suitable format."

The JBI is envisioned as a global computer "system of systems" that, once built, will facilitate real-time management of combat information. JBI will allow military leaders to access the most current and accurate information needed to make quick decisions during a crisis or conflict.

The JBI will integrate data from a wide variety of sources, aggregate this information, and distribute the information in the appropriate form and level of detail to users at all echelons. @